

Restorative School Practices Collaborative of Maine

Helping to Create Safe, Fair & Responsive Maine Schools

Restorative practices are proving successful in schools in Maine and across the country. Within a whole school approach, these practices build caring school communities that support students, staff and administrators in feeling connected and respected, which enhances learning outcomes. Restorative practices create safe schools where all members of the community are accountable for their actions, resolve conflicts, create positive relationships, and build an inclusive, respectful school culture. Our collaborative is helping Maine schools to understand this approach, its values and skills, and to implement restorative practices including restorative discipline.



Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program, University of Maine, Orono, ME.
www.umaine.edu/peace/conflictresolutioneducation.htm.

Our K-12 program focuses on teaching, supporting and promoting restorative practices in schools which include restorative discipline, conflict resolution education, peer mediation, diversity education, school climate change, relational literacy and Community Circles. Contact: Barbara Blazej, Barbara.blazej@umit.maine.edu; 207-581-2625.

Maine Law & Civics Education, University of Maine School of Law, Portland, ME.
<http://mainelaw.maine.edu/mlce/>.

MLCE provides professional development and consulting services in law-related education, conflict management education, peer mediation, bullying prevention and restorative practices for K-12 schools in Maine. Contact: Pamela Anderson, pamelaa@usm.maine.edu; 207-780-4991.

Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast, Belfast, ME. www.rjpmidcoast.org.

The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast provides mentoring for adult and juvenile offenders, as well as an innovative process for dealing with behavior issues in the schools, which provides alternatives to the usual classroom management techniques of detention, suspension and expulsion. Contact: Margaret Micolichuk, Margaret@rjpmidcoast.org; 207-338-2742.